ITU Regional Development Forum for Africa (RDF-AFR)

**'Digital transformation for a sustainable and equitable digital future:
Accelerating the implementation of the SDGs in Africa"**

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Please note that submitted information will be presented during the RDF-AFR P2C Roundtables and
it will also be reflected on the pledging platform of the Partner2Connect Digital Coalition.

CONTRIBUTION FORM

ORGANIZATION: Ethiopian Cybersecurity Association, Ethiopia

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TITLE: Cybersecurity awareness and culture development in Ethiopia: Role of non-Governmental actors

DESCRIPTION OF ACTION:

Cybersecurity has growingly become a concern in the digital transformation process of the Ethiopian socio-economic development. Most of the actions, such as standards, software development, training and consulting, are undertaking by government institutions. Government institutions are equally regulatory body as well as system developers, implementers, and accreditors.

The Ethiopian Cybersecurity Association (ECySA), a registered non-government, professional society and think tank advocates the role of non-governmental institutions, namely, professional Civil Society Organizations, business communities, academia and other non-government actors shall be considered as key actors in the cybersecurity engagement.

ECySA wants to throw light into the potential role of these actors and also call upon establishment of a national forum for promotion of cybersecurity awareness and culture development.

COUNTRIES in FOCUS: Ethiopia

YEARS of IMPLEMENTATION:

☐ 2023

☒ 2024

☒ 2025

RELEVANT ITU REGIONAL INITIATIVE:

☐ AFR1: Supporting digital transformation to usher in a rapid transition to a digital economy while accelerating innovation in Africa

☐ AFR2: Implementation and expansion of broadband infrastructures, connectivity and emerging technologies

☒ AFR3: Building trust, safety and security in the use of telecommunications/ICTs and protection of personal data

☐ AFR4: Fostering emerging technologies and innovation ecosystems

Please find more information on the ITU Regional Initiatives 2023-2025, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU-D PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY THE ITU WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Affordable connectivity

☐ Digital transformation

☐ Enabling policy and regulatory environment

☐ Resource mobilization and international cooperation

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunications/ICTs for sustainable development

Please find more information on the ITU-D Priorities, as defined by WTDC-22, here.

RELATED ITU PRIORITIES AS DEFINED BY ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE 2022

☐ Spectrum use for space and terrestrial services

☐ International telecommunication numbering resources

☒ Inclusive and secure telecommunication/ICT infrastructure and services

☐ Digital applications

☐ Enabling environment

Please find more information on the ITU Priorities, as defined by PP-22, here

RELATED WSIS ACTION LINE: [Tick the relevant boxes or delete the irrelevant items]

☐ C1: The role of governments and all stakeholders in the promotion of ICTs for development

☐ C2: Information and communication infrastructure

☐ C3: Access to information and knowledge

☒ C4: Capacity building

☒ C5: Building confidence and security in the use of ICTs

☐ C6: Enabling environment

☐ C7: ICT applications

☐ C8: Cultural diversity and identity, linguistic diversity and local content

☐ C9: Media

☐ C10: Ethical dimensions the Information Society

☐ C11: International and regional cooperation

RELATED SDG:

☐ SDG 1: No Poverty

☐ SDG 2: Zero Hunger

☐ SDG 3: Good Health and Well- being

☐ SDG 4: Quality Education

☐ SDG 5: Gender Equality

☐ SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

☐ SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy

☐ SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

☒ SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure

☐ SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

☐ SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

☐ SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

☐ SDG 13: Climate Action

☐ SDG 14: Life Below Water

☐ SDG 15: Life on Land

☐ SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

☐ SDG 17: Partnerships for the SDGs